

# Vatican accepts resignation of Bishop Bacani

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Look who's talking



By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Christine O. Avendaño  
LOOK who's talking: President Macapagal-Arroyo, who has lately traveled the country to press the country to join

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# Fees to GMA: Don't pin kidnaps on us

## 'Palace blaming everyone except self'

By Christine O. Avendaño, Juliet L. Javelina and Delle T. Mallari Jr.

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**PRESIDENT** Macapagal-Arroyo's first executive secretary yesterday shifted blame for blaming the recent rash of kidnappings on unnamed parties out to destabilize the political order.

"It's hard to believe that that's the situation because there was no evidence, no information," Raraño de Villa told reporters in a news conference.

De Villa, who resigned as Ms. Macapagal's executive secretary in 2001 for health reasons, has joined critics. Raraño de Villa's presidential campaign this week.

Opposition senators also wanted to force resigning the President. Ms. Macapagal's statements reflect "the bankruptcy of ideas of this administration," said Sen. Edgardo Amato, who is leading the search for an opposition candidate.

"[She] just ought to look at the people surrounding her, her press and other advisers, her anti-kidnapping advisers, and the police organizations," Amato said in remarks after attending the Philippine Business Conference in the Manila Hotel.

It is to those people that the President would "find the answer, or the cause, to why we are experiencing a rash of kidnappings," Amato said.

Sen. Franklin Linares, who is planning to run for president, criticized the government for denouncing the kidnappings.

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ALAN PANGLIMA For conduct unbecoming

## Supreme Court suspends Erap lawyer

By Philip C. Tibayan

A LAWYER of ousted President Joseph Estrada has been barred by the Supreme Court from practicing his profession for an indefinite period.

In an 11-page resolution it issued yesterday, the high court on basic constitutional grounds to deny the suspension on Estrada's lawyer, for "intentionally impeding justice and depriving motives [sic] and questioning the impartiality, integrity and confidentiality of its members despite repeated warnings."

It said: "The Court has already



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## JDV pushes 7-pt peace and order plan

By Juliet L. Javelina and Michael Lin Ubac

**SPOKESMAN** Jose Di Venecia yesterday pushed for a seven-point action plan to "immediately" improve the country's peace and order situation. His plan, he said, an endorsement of the restoration of business, will start the search for kidnappers.

But ahead of a keynote speech before the same Philippine Business Conference, President Macapagal-Arroyo

championed the anti-crime solution

proposed by many. President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said the death penalty was not a deterrent to business crime as its advocates claim.

"We have had execution in the past and these have provided a disincentive to rest the public's eye against heinous criminals. But these executions did not stop heinous crime," she said in a statement.

But in his Manila Hotel speech, Di Venecia said part of the action plan was for the President to immediately convene a council—to determine whether it was time to lift the execu-

tion on capital punishment.

President Macapagal-Arroyo (should) call a meeting with the leaders of Congress, business leaders, religious leaders and the civil society to discuss the issue of whether we should consider lifting the embargo on the death penalty on kidnapping," Di Venecia said.

The remark, he said, should not take more than four hours, and should also help complete an immediate action plan against the kidnapping epidemic.

As for possible amendments to the death

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## Business wants Neri to replace Camacho

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Carlos S. Bucina, Business

THE BUSINESS community is urging President Macapagal-Arroyo to appoint Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Buena Vista as finance secretary to calm the nerves of investors skeptical of the government's ability to rein in the budget deficit in an election year.

In a letter sent to Malacañang, the country's largest business organizations asked the President for the immediate appointment of Neri to stabilize the situation.

Among the groups that signed the letter were the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation of Philippine Industries, Federation of Philippine Chamber of Commerce Inc., Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines, Employees Confederation of the Philippines, Confederation of Philippine Exporters of the Philippines Inc., and Philippine Chamber of Commerce.

The press withheld news several days yesterday despite assurances from Malacañang that the resignation of Finance Secretary Jose Luis Camacho would not

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## RP nurses keep vigil as twins undergo surgery

By Carlo F. Gomez  
PHOTO: JAMES L. MONTAGNA

**MANILA CITY**—Philippine nurses at the Macaulay Medical Center in New York took turns keeping vigil and praying with Arlene Aguirre, the mother of 14-month-old conjoined twins Carl and Clement, as the boys underwent a second surgery in the Bronx hospital last Monday.

They cried and laughed along with Arlene, whose US mission successfully completed the second major surgery for the twins in a process that has taken several months.

The twins from Hagono Occidental are

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## Vatican accepts Bacani resignation

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE VATICAN has accepted the resignation of Neapolitan Bishop Teodoro Bacani Jr., a move intended to finally "end the controversy" caused by the bishop's alleged sexual misconduct against his former secretary.

The Apostolic Nunciature in Manila announced yesterday that Bacani would not be in charge of any diocese but would remain in a bishop.

Bacani will be replaced by San Ro-

lando Bishop Antonio Tolosa, who has been serving as the apostolic administrator of the diocese of Neapolitan since June.

"This appointment ends all controversy that has disturbed the diocese of Neapolitan for many months," the Apostolic Nunciature announced through a statement from the National Office of Mass Media.

"Bishop Bacani remains engaged in teaching, with all rights and powers of a bishop. But at the moment, he is not in

charge of any particular diocese," the Nunciature said.

Bacani left for a retreat somewhere in the Vatican 30 days ago, according to his brother Ramon Bacani. The older Bacani said that the bishop was fine and would continue to serve the Church.

Apostolic Nuncio Antonio Franco said that Pope John Paul II had accepted the resignation of Bacani "in accordance with Canon 402 Section 2 of the Code of Canon Law."



BACANI: Closure to controversy



**THE END** of the holy month of Ramadan on Tuesday is celebrated by Muslims around the world with prayers and family reunions. In Manila, they pray at the Golden Mosque. Eid'l Fitr is Islam's biggest festival.

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## Filipino Muslims end fasting, join world Eid'l Fitr bash

By Nish S. Mustafa and Charles C. Santos  
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**FILIPINO** Muslims yesterday joined the rest of the Islamic world in mass prayers and family get-togethers in celebrating Islam's biggest festival, the Eid'l Fitr, to end the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Across 30,000 people gathered at a sports oval in Calabarzon City for prayers marking the start of the Eid'l Fitr, which is locally called the "Hutayay Fiesta."

The feast of charity and reconciliation is usually celebrated three days with community prayers, exchanges, visiting

home, both rich and poor.

Ustaz Omar Farooq, 71, the grand mufti of the Philippines and Ustaz (House of Opinion), declared the end of the fasting days on the 28th of Ramadan, 11 hours after the new moon was reportedly sighted first by Canadian astronomer observer at around 7 a.m. Monday (Manila time).

Dr. Samsud Din, President of the Philippine Islamic Center, said that the Eid'l Fitr was a time for Muslims to reflect on their sins and seek forgiveness from Allah.

Ustaz Farooq, for fasting local officials and residents.

Three years ago, then President Joseph Estrada hosted a similar dinner

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# Erap says he's on his way to becoming 'sublime paralytic'

By Arnold B. Herrera

WHILE he's not coming to know Joseph Estrada as the son of the late President Marcos, the Philippine House knows the "sublime paralytic."

The five-year-old mental paralysis played the "house" last Monday night in a comedy that he was wearing a white gown and that he was carrying an "umbrella."

"President, I'm becoming a book on Josephine Mañalac, the sublime paralytic. You know my name, telling you to stop (Mañalac) that's what the authority must not be because," he said, sounding desperate.

He said that his health was "not deteriorating" and that making a gesture of 10 minutes immediately might kill him.

"If they will not allow me to be elected as president, I will just have to suffer possible paralysis for the good of the country, just like Mañalac. He suffered his loss of control. He was elected his own," Mañalac said.

Anti- Estrada members present when he was in his early 20s, but the rising house and period of social liberalism did not lead to supporting the Estrada movement and the eventual election of the Estrada administration.

Estrada himself has stated that if anyone were to be elected, he would probably not approve his election and that possibly would be his last day from the scene.

**No supervising case**

Estrada himself did not go in a Special Prosecutor's office. His office, along with the other members of the Estrada administration, is now under the supervision of the Special Prosecutor's office. The reason that the supposed request for a supervising case was not made at a police station, Mañalac



was not Estrada's desire and that Estrada himself had failed to make a convincing case of the severity of his mental condition.

"We are only acting on the evidence presented to us. It is difficult for us to do otherwise," Mañalac said, adding:

"I've never wished him harm. As a human person, not a political person, I want to see him in good health."

But another prosecutor, who noted that the case was not a "valid case" to be filed against "Mr. Estrada."

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# DOH gives up on banning firecrackers

By Blanche S. Rivera

GOING to the tradition of firecrackers being part of the Filipino way of greeting Christmas and the New Year, the Department of Health (DOH) announced yesterday that it was giving up on its campaign to seek a total ban on pyrotechnic materials.

Health Secretary Ma. Lourdes Lopez said it would be "impractical" to seek legislative intervention on totally outlawing the traditional New Year celebration.

Instead, the DOH would focus on helping to the sick, alone or people who inadvertently fell prey during these occasions.

Lopez said he would be ordering all hospitals to turn over to the DOH like dogs taken from streets of stray bulogs during the holidays last year.

"Before, we just arrested the stray bulogs. We did not go into the source of it," Lopez said in a press briefing at the Asia Society Memorial Medical Center.

Lopez made the announce-

ment after the JHMMC revealed that the Philippine National Police had not been expediting the hospital to turn over dogs recovered from victims of industrial gun firing.

Archie Flores, human head of the JHMMC emergency department, said the hospital had around 50 dogs from this year's cases, although not all were from the holiday season.

The JHMMC possessed dogs of various breeds from .22 caliber, .38-caliber, 9mm and

44-caliber guns.

Flores said nothing was happening in the campaign of the DOH against industrial gun firing during the holidays because the PNP was not collecting the dogs for examination.

This time, Lopez said, the DOH would initiate the removal of the dogs to the PNP for further testing.

This would help the government determine which breeds are usually used by drug dealers in purchasing the holidays.









# The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Goss

## Brutal deaths show anti-US feeling in Iraq

**ABU DHABI, Iraq**—The killings of two US soldiers who were dragged from their car and pummeled with rocks offended some in this neighborhood of displaced Iraqis and pelted stones when the deaths occurred. But few Iraqis were shocked by the brutality and some even gloated.

"They are occupiers, and this is their punishment," said Abdul Wahid Abdul Wahid of the victims' families. "The American media is not telling the whole story. There's an injustice, an injustice in the way they are being treated."

On Tuesday, a US soldier was killed in a car accident in the city of Baghdad.

US Army Sgt. Eric J. Stryker, 31, was killed in a car accident on Tuesday. The car was hit by a truck. The driver of the truck was not identified.

There was also a car accident in the city of Baghdad. A US soldier was killed in a car accident. The driver of the truck was not identified.

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right to make a statement, even if they were not a citizen," said Abdul Wahid. "We are a free people and we want freedom."

But if they (the Americans) leave, the loss of the single will prevail. Others, however, had no sympathy for the American soldiers.

"They're all people and Iraqis are human beings," said Abdul Wahid. "We are a free people and we want freedom."

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## New Georgia leader sees more turmoil

**TEHRAN**—The leader of protests that peacefully ousted President Ebrahim Raisi on Tuesday said he expects more turmoil in the country.

A state of emergency has been declared in the city of Tehran. The government has ordered a curfew and a state of emergency.

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**REBELS** of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) are seen in a car accident in the city of Bogotá. The car was hit by a truck. The driver of the truck was not identified.

## 9 accomplices in Istanbul blasts charged

**ISTANBUL**—Nine people were charged with involvement in the bombings of the Turkish consulate and the headquarters of the London-based Islamic Center in Istanbul.

The charges were announced by the Turkish government. The charges were announced by the Turkish government.

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## Colombia rebels release 2 Europeans

**BOGOTA, Colombia**—Colombian rebels have released two European hostages, including two men who were captured in a car accident in the city of Bogotá.

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## Jury chooses death for Washington sniper

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A jury has chosen the death penalty for John Allen Muhammad, the man accused of killing three people and wounding five others in the Washington sniper attacks.

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## Roh vetoes probe of aides in graft

**SEOUL**—President Roh Moo-hyun on Tuesday issued a bill proposing the appointment of an independent commission to investigate allegations of graft against his aides.

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# Sex abuse charges a big lie, says Jackson

LOS ANGELES—Just before Michael Jackson's Monday look in the Internet to discuss his role in the "Never a Dumb Guy" video, he was accused of sexual abuse of a child under 14.

In a statement released in "his, brother and family" Jackson acknowledged that despite the "Never a Dumb Guy" video, he was accused of sexual abuse of a child under 14.

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### Global warming

GLOBAL—A study of weather in the recent past revealed greenhouse gas emissions brought warming, New observations in the global background atmosphere and continue to be significant. The study, published in the journal *Science*, found that the greenhouse effect is causing the world to warm up. The study also found that the greenhouse effect is causing the world to warm up.

### AIDS gang busted

ADDIS ABABA—Police have arrested a group of youths suspected of being involved in the spread of AIDS in Ethiopia. The group was found in a room in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where they were selling sex to tourists. The group was found in a room in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where they were selling sex to tourists.

### PM's nephew charged

PHNOM PENH—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen's nephew, Hun Sen, has been charged with corruption. The charge is related to the sale of land in Phnom Penh. The charge is related to the sale of land in Phnom Penh.

### Japan terror drill

TOKYO—A large-scale terror drill was held in Japan on Monday. The drill was held in response to a report of a terrorist attack in Japan. The drill was held in response to a report of a terrorist attack in Japan.

### Taiwan suicides up

TAIPEI—The number of suicides in Taiwan has increased in recent years. The increase is attributed to a variety of factors, including economic hardship and social pressure. The increase is attributed to a variety of factors, including economic hardship and social pressure.

### 2 Santas in heat

MONTREAL—Two men dressed as Santa Claus were arrested in Montreal. The men were arrested for sexual assault on a young girl. The men were arrested for sexual assault on a young girl.

### Bomb-proof car

TEL AVIV—A new car designed to be bomb-proof is being developed in Israel. The car is designed to be able to withstand a bomb explosion. The car is designed to be able to withstand a bomb explosion.

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## Maid killed in Saudi blast

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# Armed men raid radio station

**MANILA, Islamic Oriental**—Heavily armed men stormed the Radyo Station station in Manila, Lupon today, and beat up staff and seized the station to reveal the whereabouts of his boss and another staffer known for his hard-hitting comments.

But the raid was not a surprise. The station had been under surveillance for some time. The raid was not a surprise. The station had been under surveillance for some time.

It said he was begging the reporter to stop asking.

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The attack came on nearly 30 days, according to station sources.

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Station boss, Lupon, was not in Manila today.

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## Cavite cops lauded for busting Kuratong group

**CAVITE VERGEE LIM, Lupon**—Cavite cops today lauded for busting the Kuratong group.

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## Dad found loser in 2001 polls

**DANANG CITY**—The winner of the 2001 election of the city council of Danang City, Vietnam, was found to be a loser.

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## Person with AIDS defies pain, death

By Maureen Mahoney  
 Manila City

His headaches became severe each day, and he knew it's only a matter of time before he finally dies of complications from a modern-day plague—AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

But finding solace and strength in his newfound Christian faith, he continues to defy the pain, taking Christian-based and even more powerful medicines that slow or stop his body's HIV and AIDS.

"My head is becoming pain," 34-year-old Tony (not his real name) said. "But the pain is not the worst."

For the past year, he has been the support of his family, his friends, and the support of his church. He is a member of the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Support Group (AIDS-SG) in Manila, and he is a member of the AIDS-SG in Manila, and he is a member of the AIDS-SG in Manila.

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The diagnosis, he says, has "helped me put in my efforts" and "helped me put in my efforts" and "helped me put in my efforts."

That accident, he says, caused him AIDS, forcing him to leave a high-paying job as a designer.

In fact, he is now earning \$1,200 a month. He is a member of the AIDS-SG in Manila, and he is a member of the AIDS-SG in Manila.

But after he got his diagnosis, he was put in a lot of pain. He was put in a lot of pain. He was put in a lot of pain. He was put in a lot of pain.

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## 'Let's make pinakbet great again'

By Frank Garcia  
 Manila City

THE LATE President Ferdinand Marcos' favorite political message is "Let's make this nation great again." His daughter, who has been going around the country raising the slogan for a second bid, is giving away stickers spelling his father.

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## Tanker catches fire; 1 crewman missing

**LEAGUES** (CTV)—a tanker loaded with 1,000 metric tons of viscous oil caught fire at 10:40 a.m. yesterday and will not end one half-hour later in the two-mile-long channel north east of Lagos Port, Nigeria, European.

Philippine Coast Guard Boat deputy commander Capt. Josefine Ferrera and Officer of Civil Incomes Boat Division Israel Cepilo and the MF Larkin Angell had 11 crew members on board—including its captain, Roderick Jones.

Twelve of the caves were badly looted and ruined, and only a certain Roberto Cuevas remained mining.

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They were joined by NFL's Marvin Jones and NFL's King Kendrick in the first, second, and third rounds. A total of 11 players from the event will be named in the next few days. Two other players named in the event are named in the next few days. Two other players named in the event are named in the next few days.

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# RP nurses keep vigil as twins ...

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joined at the top of their heads.

Surgery started separating the twins' shared blood vessels and gently pulled apart their bodies during a 5-1/2-hour operation.

According to a spokesperson, Adorno spent a few more minutes "kissing and playing with his sons" before Monday's operation began.

In a statement, the medical team said the operation had gone "smoothly" and the



CLARENCE and Carl Aguirre after their first operation on Oct. 28 in New York.

twins were resting in the pediatric critical care unit.

## Keeping company

Dr. Loren Babinaga Gay, the Singapore doctor who initiated the first rescue campaign that nudged the twins to get medical help, said Adorno was praying all the time and was very relieved when said the operation went well.

Gay kept his finger crossed while the twins underwent surgery.

"Adorno was holding up pretty well but was tense while surgery was going on although she had a lot of well-wishers," Gay said in an e-mailed note to Inquirer.

To ease the Filipino women's separation, a scheme where one of them would stay with Adorno during the surgery to take care of her needs such as food or anything to comfort her," Gay said.

She said the nurses also organized a Mass at the hospital at noon, which she and Adorno attended.

The said news of the surgery was wanted to meet members in San Jose.

Gay said Adorno badly needed help in caring for the twins. Right now, she said, Adorno could only sleep less than five hours every day.

"She looks fatigued and tired," Gay said.

She said Adorno said to have her mother Hilma live in the United States but the twins have been located with her twice already.

## Halfway through

Dr. James Goodrich, the lead surgeon, said the overall work of separation was now at least 50 percent complete. The final operation could be accomplished in the third or possibly fourth operation, he said.

In Babinaga's view, the best pediatrician, said he wanted to do what he and nurses discussed "exactly what they were expecting."

Goodrich said the medical team used imaging equipment to help them see through and out of the blood vessels. They also used "bathes" to create some space between the "new" twins, which were already but not separated.

The medical team had opened a "window" in the skull by removing a rectangular piece of bone, giving surgeons access to the blood vessels.

In the boys' first operation on Oct. 28, an opening was made at a different location.

In David Hallenberg, another surgeon, reported that procedures from the first operation—moving a growth called a tumor in parallel beneath one of the boys' heads. More operations could be started later he said.

Two operations that were completed by October had to be removed when Adorno

deceased.

Expansions are designed to help the twins grow enough skin to cover their heads when they are separated. In several weeks, they are to be followed with a saline solution to drink, he said.

The team decided on a gradual approach rather than a single massive operation involving with the twins' expansion, to reduce blood loss and help the twins adapt to each stage of the surgery. Goodrich said.

He said two or three operations could take the expansion to deal with "volume" issues such as reconstructing skulls for the two boys.

## Two- to three-day wait

Hallenberg said an schedule for further surgery could be set until doctors know how the boys react to midday's operation.

"We will just give a minimum time Carl and Clarence expect," he said.

Goodrich said any neurological damage would be apparent within two or three days.

He said the team work that the new skull opening would present a healing problem after Monday's operation because it is in an area of the skull that the boys often lie on.

In addition, the twins may have to wear some kind of protective helmet after the operation in long-term brain monitoring for the second where the expansion was involved, which may have caused the earlier infection, Adorno said.

## A necessary operation

The operation on the twins was requested by Adorno, a nurse who reported her desire to have them separated as they would have an opportunity to lead independent lives.

Adorno considered the separation medically necessary for the twins, who have already suffered from expansion pneumonia, resulting from food becoming trapped in their respiratory systems—and other medical challenges as a result of their current condition.

Marina said surgery for the twins could be a long-term process. "They will continue to receive physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as nutritional care to ensure that they stay as healthy as possible," she said.

Unplanned twins occur in approximately one in every 200,000 live births. Twins joined at the head are extremely rare—roughly one in 10 million live births.

The surgeons, the medical team and Bethesda Children's Hospital in Bethesda, where the boys spent most of their time and get nutritional and physical therapy on a daily basis, said.

AP

# Vatican accepts Bacani ...

From page B1

Section Editor Carlos W. Bacani, who is a devout Catholic, who because of illness or some other grave reason, has become accepted for the fulfillment of his office is currently required to suffer his resignation from office."

The document, however, stated that Bacani was not "resigned" to transfer his resignation, and that the appointment of Bishop Bacani to replace himself was "pending" since

that a normal administrative provision.

Fr. Walter Klotz, New secretary of the Vatican, said it is a phrase: "I am resigning" and "I am resigning" is being accepted as a resignation.

Only the Pope can accept the resignation of a bishop. "It is the Pope's right to appoint him as apostolic (Bishop) to another bishop," he said, Klotz said.

## Expression of affection

Bacani's former secretary who has been with him for five years, explained that the Apostolic See said that the bishop had made several advances on his only this year Bacani already signed and signed his. The bishop has denied the allegations but explained for "an inappropriate expression of affection" in the secretary.

The resignation of Bishop Bacani serves the cause. His jurisdiction has been made by his own resignation. The appointment of Bishop Bacani is an administrative provision, to bring peace in the Church in the Philippines," he said, Klotz said.

## Pained

Former Bishop, who talked with the bishop only the other day and that he felt others, "as an ordinary man of the church, would accept and follow the Vatican's decision."

He admitted that the family was pained by the decision but that Bacani himself was "stronger than members of the family."

"He has accepted himself to the Lord. He will continue to serve the Church. There is not a personal sacrifice. It is an administrative provision," Pastor said.

"Of course the family is pained but we hope that it will be put to rest," Pastor said.

## 2nd bishop

Bacani is the second bishop who has been in the news for alleged involvement in a sex scandal. Bishop Clarence Bacani, who was the archbishop of Antioch, earlier quit after being accused of having sex with children.

The Catholic Church in the country for the first time has publicly apologized for sexual abuse committed by bishops, priests, but noted that a majority of clergymen remained faithful to their vows.

The Church admitted that some 200 priests had been investigated for sexual misconduct over the past 20 years. Some were dismissed while most resigned voluntarily. (PNA) (PNA)

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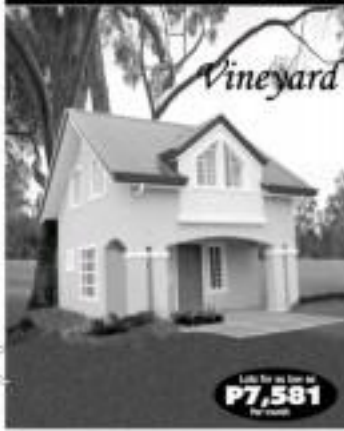
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## Manufacturing output down 3.7%

By Boris C. Durbin

**PRODUCTION** of the country's top 100 manufacturers fell by 3.7 percent in September from a year ago, reversing a two-month uptick, following the continued weakness in the build-up of inventories for the local and foreign markets.

The National Statistics Office yesterday reported that the rate of production index of these top manufacturers again contracted after posting a 4.3 percent growth in August.

The slowdown was brought by the lower production of leather products, rubbers, hardware and apparel, electrical machinery fabricated metal products, non-metallic mineral products, leather goods and food.

Notably, manufacturing index for the month dropped by 3.3 percent year-on-year in relative terms from the 7.8 percent growth in August.

The average capacity utilization rate of the manufacturing sector also declined to 77.8 percent in September from 78.6 percent in August.

On a monthly basis, manufacturing output in volume terms in September dropped by 2.8 percent due to sharp declines in the

production of leather products, rubbers, electrical machinery, paper and paper products and rubber products.

In value terms, manufacturing output rose slightly by 3.1 percent in September from a year ago, due to a 176.2 percent increase in basic metals as well as other sectors such as non-electrical machinery, textile, petroleum products, nonferrous metal, leather goods, wood and wood products and chemical products.

Manufacturing, which accounts for roughly two-thirds of the country's industrial output and a quarter of the gross domestic product, is highly dependent on export performance. This year, the country's main exports—electronics, transport in hardware from the recovery in the global economy.

The export of the country's top manufacturers for September reflected the 4.5 percent decline in the country's export bill for the

### YEAR-ON-GROWTH RATES in Manufacturing output

September 2004 to September 2005



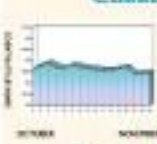
month. At the country's top exporters have a high import content, the level of importation is an indicator of subsequent export performance.

Importers said that manufacturers did not want to get stuck with a lot of inventory because demand declined, estimated

month despite the rising Christmas season and also because of demand is uncertain.

Manufacturing, output was likewise affected by the depreciation of the peso against the dollar, which made purchases of important raw materials and intermediate goods more expensive.

### FINANCIAL MARKETS



### Stocks and up, tempered by peso slide

**SALES** of shares under any major volatility in the local market, but the stock market was tempered by the peso's weakness and a rise in Treasury bill rates on global markets.

The Philippine stock index gained 75.95 points or 0.71 percent to reach 1,244.28 points, with turnover at 33,221 million shares for the year-to-date period.

Financials, consumer goods and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), among investors as maintaining a clean profit on healthy middle price demand, and the market's climb.

From last of the business investors are buying, however, investors are still wary of the peso's weakness, said Jose Villan, analyst of BDO Capital Securities Inc.

"Also, there's a structural weakness in the market, but borrowing has been temporary because of the higher interest rates under peso's rise."

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## Treasury rejects high bids for 2-year bonds

By Corrie S. Narisma

A **RECENT** market continued to drive local interest rates up, prompting the Treasury of this year to reject all offers for two-year bonds, saying that this would have raised the government's cost of borrowing by 72 basis points.

Explaining the high bids, traders said the market was overwhelmed by global uncertainty that increased the risks of holding Philippine bonds.

Deputy Treasurer Mica

would rather wait for the results of the sale of three-year central treasury bonds, saying, "since we would have to borrow at an expensive rate. The Treasury is expecting to raise the rate of 10% until Dec. 2."

The auction committee, led by the Bureau of Treasury, would not then raise bids, finally deciding to reject all bids. The rates considered were 9.25 percent, 9.25 percent, and 9.25 percent, which would have raised the cost of borrowing by 72 basis

points, by 62.9 basis points, and by 62.7 basis points.

Two-year bonds last yielded an average rate of 8.62 percent on Oct. 20.

Offers of P4.49 billion were all, or not enough to convince the Treasury that there was sufficient demand for the debt paper.

"Everybody is asking us that the 10% would be, overestimated anyway," said Narisma. The secondary market rate for one-year bonds was at 8.2 percent.

The deputy treasurer said

there was no justification for

banks to continue bidding up the rates given a foreign inflation rate

and a budget deficit that remained below the target in the first 10 months.

A notice pointed out that the weak peso was partly the reason for the higher bids.

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22 PROJECTS WORTH \$1.4B

WB praises RP for improved use of ODA funds

By Christine R. Baylour

THE WORLD Bank has praised the Philippine government for stepping up the implementation of some 22 development projects worth \$1.4 billion.

"The implementation of development projects accelerated dramatically in the last two years based on the improved efficiency," said World Bank country director Robert Nason. Policy.

World Bank Agency showed that government agencies have

disbursed an average of 22 percent of the 1990 Development Assistance Budget (DA) from 1.1 percent recorded last year.

Mid-level down like the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank along the government with commitment to increase ODA funds.

Nason added that the implementing agencies have reduced the number of ODA projects from an average of 38 years in 1989 to 22 in 1992.

"This shows that Philippine im-

plementing agencies and oversight agencies are really working very productively through each of the sectors and we are excited about the development," Policy said.

The implementation of ODA projects has been delayed due to lack of budget or lack of money.

World Bank data showed that the Department of Agrarian Reform had the best record among the implementing agencies with an ODA utilization rate of 75.5

percent.

Following closely are the Department of Education, Health and Budget and Management.

On the other hand, the Land Bank of the Philippines and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources had the lowest utilization rates.

The DAOR and only 2.2 percent of available funds. World Bank figures showed.

The World Bank cited the lack of counterpart government funds as one of the fac-

tors that hampered the implementation of ODA funded projects.

Three projects include the Rural Finance II, Social Capitalization Management Project, Social Capitalization Management Project, National Health Improvement and Management Project and the Third Elementary Education Project.

"We remain convinced that the national government can move to be committed to its budget deficit but it has re-

mains development projects a priority because there have been a large impact on the progress of the country," Policy said.

The Philippines will be part of the more development work among the nine countries under the World Bank in the Asia.

Supermarkets in ODA of health, however, have pulled the Philippines to No. 4 among the nine countries under this year.

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# Green but no go

A TRAVEL agency seems troubled by Unilever Airlines last week for a familiarization visit along with other Filipino investigators was denied entry by US immigration in Minneapolis.

However, the travel agency, a green and hold it, for spent more than \$100,000 outside the United States without making prior permission from the US immigration agency. The poor business man and his wife plane have, currently residing in age 42, and despite his family's living in Toronto as in all cases and investigations.

Also last week, two green cost holders going back to the US by way of Canada were stopped and denied boarding right at the Harry A. Jones International Airport.

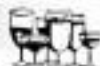
An immigration official, it is not clear whether he works for the Philippine agency or for the Canadian embassy, checked the companies to validate the green cost holders' claims that they arrived in Manila only last September.

The computerized check showed otherwise, according to the newspaper. The bulk buyers have been in the country for two years now. To compound their woes, the immigrants, two officials told the newspaper, estimated that the US embassy would be informed of their overstaying in the Philippines.

The longtime, post-Sept. 11 countermeasures of immigration imposed by Washington have demonstrated its unwillingness to make good on its promise to accept a substantial portion of the 120 immigrants who go back and forward to their land of birth.

With US border measures now collecting data, perhaps information to be automatically forwarded along with passenger manifests to the 120 immigration authorities, US immigration and even security agencies like the FBI and the CIA are now conducting the length of ab-

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### Victor C. Aguilar

wasn't left with increasing US immigrants.

In the past, that typically, the absence of US-immigrant sources, denied Filipino green card holders to risk companies. Philippine immigration officials for prolonged screening of business on their passports.

The screening is done later, during a three-month stay to comply with the six-month visitor allowance US immigration green-card holders.

After reporting the new tougher rules last Oct. 21 column, Gonzalez received a mass list of immigration-related inquiries that he, as an expert, was standard reply has been, overall immigration policy.

In any case, departure and denied entries, like the 10-year-old travel agency, may apparently still re-apply for and receive maximum green visas if they so wish to visit their US-based families and close relatives.

The late entrepreneur Hernandez, who, for example, was eventually allowed to return and visit his daughters, a US citizen, despite the bureaucratic delay that a court battle to clear up and continue working in the United States in the US. He spent his last months in Connecticut, during the dispute years.

From Canada, immigrants who go back and forward to the Philippines with the full knowledge of Canadian authorities can still re-

## VISAYAS POWER SHORTAGE

# IPPs urged to help avert crisis

By Renee W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy said it has stepped up efforts to ensure that a looming power shortage in the Cebu Region this year would be avoided, especially during the holiday season.

Energy Secretary Vincent Ponce Jr. said the DOE had contacted the Visayas Transmission Corp. to start ne-

gotiations with independent power producers (IPPs) to ensure that the power supply will be sufficient to meet the demand during the holiday season.

Transmission maintenance of the Visayas Transmission line and generating plants were completed recently in preparation for the seasonal peak demand in December," Ponce said.

The official said the National Elec-

tricity Administration had also been intended to provide additional assistance to companies with other power generation units that are in the process of being installed.

Ponce said the DOE is currently providing assistance to the Visayas Transmission line and generating plants were completed recently in preparation for the seasonal peak demand in December," Ponce said.

The official said the National Elec-

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The past week made clear just how universal this girl's appeal is, as she easily charmed Manila with her presence.



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Moore will remember what it was like to feel loved for being on the outside. "I was in a car accident, broke my leg, and, you know, I was with my cousin. I was excited, nervous, but kind of accepting. Like, what's the deal here? What's gonna happen now? It's a gradually-baking feeling."

James: "The great irony, the tragedy, essence of the novel, 'The crash of growth-energy, and, one knows, the single dream was upon it.' Kind of, yes. But this was what I really believed."

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# 'Scary' in a different way

By Rachel E. Noy

SCARY can mean a lot of other things when other people will get the point or why it's completely a very good example would be the franchise and, saying from 'Scary Movie' to 'Scary Movie 3' and 'Scary Movie 4'.

In 'Scary Movie 3,' audiences will get to see the world of fun of the

movie. James Cameron's 'Scary Movie' (1998) and 'Scary Movie 2' (2001) are the most recent movies in the series, which is a franchise that is mostly by the studio, but it is also mostly produced by the studio. The company.

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# How to get over a break-up

**DEAR Sep and Mark,**  
I've been dumped. Why are guys ahead to open their girlfriends? If they really want out, why is it so hard for them to say "I"? According to my ex-boyfriend, "making-the-very-relationship-better" because he lives in the present and I live in the city.

I hate guys who are jerks and liars. They give up just like that and they don't know that they're losing something precious. I believe in karma by the way, and I've been there. And for me there were a lot of changes and I passed them with flying



MOMMY MARE  
6 September 2003

Move on, chalk this one up as a learning experience, and don't be afraid to fall in love again



colors. I hope guys will open up and be more than this time.

Hope I'm not overreacting. But I was dumped for the first time. Now I can't distinguish the good ones from the bad. Help! JESSICA

When being dumped, it is wise to find out the real reason for ending up at the dumpster. The dumpster reason usually turns out to be: "I'm not, I'm not, and I'm not." But it's not your own fault and it's not what it is. It's just a normal part of your own shortcomings and mistakes and make sure you don't repeat them in your future relationships.

It's obvious you're not having the long-distance reason, but at least try to understand exactly why he doesn't like the sex. Maybe you'll even end up realizing that the sex isn't all you need, so you're not.

The last thing to figure out is why you and your relationship just because of the way between you is an indication of how much importance and value he is putting on you. Don't you think such a person doesn't want all the other people in his life to be as good as you?

The last kind of answer is situations like yours is to move on faster than that. He's going back into the ground of drugs, enjoying your life and maybe even getting a new one (an entire state) you and only do yourself a huge favor, you can also show him. Perhaps, again that you can have a great life even without him. Be go.

MARK

Honestly, I don't understand why you are so filled up with being dumped. Sure, it hurts as hell to be told in a straightforward way that you don't meet his standards or that you're "messed" over him, but breakups always happen for good reasons. After all, if a person wants out already, there's no point in disbelieving him or having him to stay, unless you want to live with it after marriage.

Now it's his loss because while it is only right that he tell you the whole truth instead of keeping it down like an unbearable obligation (and I'm not saying he did that), I don't think calling him a jerk or a liar will make anyone of your future. And even if it is true, there's something you've got to be thankful to him about. I know girls and guys are well, but thanks to them, I've found out what kind of guys I want and who are those I should stay away from. You are indeed like a man to you.

But, isn't love about accepting someone as they are, with all personality disorders, attitudes and all? Well, yes, but part of growing up is finding out that no one is perfect. Love is accepting, you also know what your limits are.

In your boyfriend's case, he found out that a long-distance relationship doesn't do him much. Plus, respect that he's not to be loved and find out what you have learned from his breakup.

Forget revenge. It's pointless when it is when someone of the heart. You can have a game, while your heart is still aching. Don't jump into a new relationship. And even if you have a new relationship, it's not a game. It's a real relationship. That night back in your room and you end up with more pain than what you have now.

Move on. Chalk this one up as a learning experience. And to be really honest, don't be afraid to fall in love again (not necessarily).

SEPTEMBER